



Board of Directors Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: MAY 23, 2019 ITEM NUMBER: 9F

SUBJECT: Consideration of and Vote on Whether to Approve of Resolution and Policy Recognizing June as National LGBTQ Pride Month and Direction for OC Fair to Fly the Rainbow Flag on the Fairgrounds Year Round

DATE: May 17, 2019

FROM: Kathy Kramer, CEO

PRESENTATION BY: Director Andreas Meyer

RECOMMENDATION

At the Board of Directors' discretion.

BACKGROUND

PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE 32ND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION REGARDING LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH AND DISPLAY OF THE RAINBOW LGBTQ PRIDE FLAG

WHEREAS, the mission of the 32nd District Agricultural Association (the "District") is the celebration of Orange County's communities, interests, agriculture and heritage;

WHEREAS, the District recognizes and affirms the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community as one of the communities that make up the fabric and heritage of Orange County;

WHEREAS, in fulfilling its mission, the District is proud to celebrate the LGBTQ community;

WHEREAS, June is observed across the United States as a month to commemorate the Stonewall riots, which took place in New York fifty years ago (in June 1969), and to celebrate the LGBTQ community and the history of the LGBTQ civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District recognizes the rainbow LGBTQ pride flag as a symbol of welcoming and inclusiveness of the LGBTQ community specifically and of all diverse communities generally;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the District hereby proclaims June as LGBTQ Pride Month at the OC Fair & Event Center;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the District hereby reaffirms the principles of diversity, inclusion, and nondiscrimination as core institutional values of the District and the OC Fair & Event Center;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby reaffirms its policy prohibiting discrimination by the District on the basis of any characteristic protected by law, and, in proclaiming LGBTQ Pride Month at the OC Fair & Event Center, expressly notes that this prohibition applies to discrimination against any person on the basis of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby directs that the rainbow LGBTQ pride flag be flown year-round alongside all official flags that are displayed on the District's property, as a symbol of the District's belief in the equal dignity of all persons who visit the Fair's grounds and of the District's commitment to welcoming and including people of all backgrounds and identities to the OC Fair & Event Center.